

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

EMERGENCY OUTREACH BUREAU

PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM (PMRT)

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Senior Mental Health Counselor, RN

Primary Location: Norwalk DMH ACCESS Center (Evening Shift)

Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams (PMRT) is a Countywide program that provides mobile crisis evaluation and intervention in all 8 County of Los Angeles Service Areas. PMRT uses a coordinated approach with the mental health system of care to provide a range of services including outreach, assessment, crisis intervention, consultation, referral and follow-up, and evaluation of children and adults for civil commitment (WIC 5150 and 5585) to acute inpatient psychiatric care. PMRT provides outreach, engagement, and linkage services to homeless mentally ill persons and field response to critical incidents (e.g., train derailments/accidents).

The Sr. MHCRN will provide **coordination, supervision, and oversight** for subordinate clinical staff during the evening shift of PMRT program operations (4pm-12:30am). Subordinate staff perform the following duties:

- Field-based psychiatric evaluations to determine danger to self/others resulting from a mental disorder or grave disability and completion of 5150/5585 applications for involuntary detention at a hospital facility
- Intensive crisis stabilization and other mobile mental health services during emergencies and disasters/critical incidents
- Utilize community based support services to better manage client's needs, make appropriate referrals, and link clients to community mental health/support services
- Provide targeted case management services to clients
- Perform field-based outreach, engagement, and linkage services to homeless mentally ill persons.

In addition to clinical and administrative supervision the Sr. MHCRN collaborates with DMH ACCESS call center staff to coordinate deployment of field teams during afterhours operations countywide. Other duties include collaboration with other community agencies to address continuity of care for persons in crisis as well as:

- Ensure that mental health services provided to consumers meet State and Federal mandated standards and that they are in compliance with Medicare/Medi-Cal rules for reimbursement claiming.
- Provide training/in-service to the community, including group homes, consumer and parent groups and other entities.
- Provide staff coverage to PMRT services in Service Areas 2-8 as needed.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

- Supervisory and clinical experience in working with clients with multiple diagnoses including substance abuse and/or homelessness.
- Experience supervising and working with a multidisciplinary team.
- Availability to work after hours for crisis calls and/or disaster response.
- Manage emotionally charged situations by providing crisis intervention in residential settings, emergency rooms, police stations, other institutional locations.
- Adaptable and flexible.

Interested individuals holding title to the above position are encouraged to FAX their resume, last two (2) Performance Evaluations and last two (2) years of master time records by **June 10, 2016 to:**

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